



**Catholic Parishes of Our Lady and the Apostles, Shipston & Brailes.  
and St Francis of Assisi, Kineton**

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**CALENDAR, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS.**

***Week beginning: 18th July: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Vigil Masses	Brailes	12.30pm	SI	
Saturday 17th July	Shipston	5.00pm	Brian Weston	
Sunday 18th	Shipston	9.15am	Bernard & Joseph Devitt	
	Kineton	11.00am	SI	
Monday 19th	No Mass			
Thursday 22nd	Brailes	10.00am	Antonietta Fernandes	Feast of St Mary Magdalene
Friday 23rd	Shipston	10.00am	Johnson Fund	Feast of St Bridget
Vigil Masses	Brailes	12.30pm	Anna Maria Arienzo	
Saturday 24th	Shipston	5.00pm	Alan Lee	
Sunday 25th	Shipston	9.15am	PI	
	Kineton	11.00am	Kathleen Lea	

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur during July: Mary Thompson, John Grant, Fr Anthony Maguire, Frances Lloyd, Louise Gunter, Florence Weaver, Dolores Crocker, Thomas Mockler, Euphemia Kenyon, Eiley Perry, Mary Seymour, Peter Drinkwater, Maria Forde. May they rest in peace.

Pope Francis prayer intention for July: We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

I am hoping that by next weekend the benches will have been put back to their proper place, the adhesive tape will be removed and all one way and exit signs will have gone. Unless I hear to the contrary during the week, the distancing rule will have been relaxed, wearing masks will now be optional and there will be no need for stewarding at public worship. Thank you once again to the wonderful team of helpers at the three places of worship who have ensured that the supervision and cleansing of each place has been carried out so well.

It goes without saying that we need to continue to be mindful of the risks that remain and that you should not come to Mass if you are not well or suffering from any of the Covid symptoms. Likewise one must be mindful of those who still wish to keep some social distancing and continue to wear face masks during Mass. Hand gel will continue to be available in all places of worship and you are encouraged to use this on entry and exit. I am proposing that Mass will now end in its traditional way, meaning that Holy Communion will be distributed at the normal time and you will be returning to your places for the final prayer: Holy Communion will continue to be given under one kind and on the hand only. For the safety of all I shall continue to sanitise my hands before and after the distribution of Holy Communion and shall continue to wear a mask when this is taking place. I think it good practice to continue to allow each bench to come forward for Holy Communion before you exit your bench: It means there will not be any unnecessary queuing and waiting in line. I would ask the worshippers at St Francis to continue to use both side aisles to return to your bench.

There will no longer be the need to exit the place of worship in any one way system, though again one should be mindful of unnecessary queuing to get out! The sign of peace will be back in place and those of you who are in a bubble of some kind should make the sign of peace in the usual way: If you are not in a bubble then a respectful bow to each other should suffice: You should not leave your place to make the sign of peace to anyone else.

Hopefully the hymn books will now be available for congregational singing. The offertory bags will be used once more but available on entry and on exit for your financial support and offering. Altar serving will resume with a maximum of two servers at any one time. I shall be contacting the altar servers accordingly and hopefully a rota can be set up in the two churches. Finally, thank you for your patience and kindness throughout this long period of time: We continue to be careful, vigilant and caring towards one another in the hope that life can return to normal for all.

A word of congratulations to Luke, Naomi and Thea who make their First Holy Communion at Our Lady's this Sunday.

I wish you all a grace filled week. God Bless. Fr David. (Had a good break- apart from the result!)